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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, HA

SUBJ: FIRE AT NATIONAL PALACE ARMORY: SITUATION AT 2115 LOCAL

REF: P-AU-P 1232

1. SHORTLY BEFORE 1900 HOURS JULY 23 FOREIGN MINISTER RAYMOND
TELEPHONED TO INFORM ME THAT NEW FIRES HAD BROKEN OUT ON THE
GROUND FLOOR OF THE PALACE AND TO ASK ME TO BRING BACK THE
GUANTANAMO FIREFIGHTERS.

2. I RETURNED TO PALACE WITH FIREFIGHTERS AND EMBASSY PERSONNEL
AND FOUND FIRES BURNING IN MATTRESSES IN CENTER OF PALACE,
GROUND FLOOR UNDERNEATH MAIN ENTRANCE (PARA 5 REFTTEL).
GENERAL RAYMOND, GENERAL GRACIA JACQUES, COLONEL COICOU AND
GOH FIRE CHIEF WERE IN CHARGE. I DID NOT SEE EITHER ADRIEN
RAYMOND OR PRESIDENT WHO WERE REPORTEDLY IN UPPER STORY OF
PALACE. BY ABOUT 2100 HOURS MATTRESSES HAD BEEN DRAGGED OUT
AND FIRE WAS AGAIN UNDER CONTROL. U.S. FIREFIGHTERS DEPARTED
SHORTLY THEREAFTER LEAVING GOH PERSONNEL IN CHARGE AT LATTER'S
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REQUEST.

3. AS OF 2115 FIRE SEEMS OUT BUT WE ARE PREPARED TO RESPOND
AGAIN IF SUMMONED.

4. IN ANY EVENT US FIREFIGHTERS WILL BE ON SCENE AGAIN AT 0830
TUESDAY FOR CHECK UP.
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